

To the U.S. Food and Drug Administration:

I am writing to you regarding downed animals. I ~~urge you to grant the~~ ^{Original 005-81725 A10:12} petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. The docket number of this petition is 98P-0151/CP1.

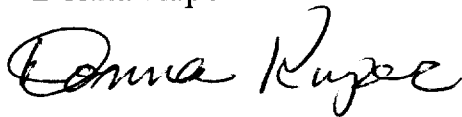
Animals who are to sick or injured should not be used for human consumption. They pose a risk for bacterial contamination and also BSE.

It is impossible to move a downed animal humanely, which means they are either dragged or pushed which is an absolute outrage.

Downed animals make up such a small part of animals slaughtered that it would not cause much economic hardship. It would however provide an incentive to take better care of these animals to prevent them from becoming downed in the first place.

Please find compassion in your heart.

Thank you
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